

a1 40 to 90% by weight, more preferably 50 to 80% by weight and particularly preferably 60 to 85% by weight into the composition.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 10, with the following:

Ingredients such as silicone being ordinarily incorporated into a fiber-treating agent, a perfume (particularly preferably a combination of aroma components shown as the components (c) and (d) described in JP-A 8-113871) and a coloring matter may be incorporated into the softener composition of the present invention.

a2 Please replace the paragraph on page 12, line 10, beginning at (a - 5), with the following paragraph:

(a - 5) Di(oleoyl oxyethyl) dimethyl ammonium methyl sulfate.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claim 3 as follows:

a3 3. (Amended) The softener composition according to claim 1, which further comprises 0.1 to 5% by weight of (f) a C₈₋₂₂ fatty acid or a salt thereof.

Please add new Claim 4 as follows:

a4 4. (New) The softener composition according to Claim 1 which further comprises (e) a nonionic surfactant and 0.1 to 5% by weight of (f) a C₈₋₂₂ fatty acid or salt thereof.